



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7258**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRM GRADUATION DATE AND THE DATE WHEN A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY COMMENCE SCHOOL SESSIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-16l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [to the  
4 contrary,] a local or regional board of education may establish for any  
5 school year a firm graduation date for students in grade twelve which  
6 is no earlier than the one hundred [eighty-fifth] eightieth day noted in  
7 the school calendar originally adopted by the board for that school  
8 year. [, except that a board on or after April first in any school year  
9 may establish such a firm graduation date for that school year which at  
10 the time of such establishment provides for at least one hundred eighty  
11 days of school.]

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-66q of the general statutes is  
13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
14 *1, 2019*):

15 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, [2017] 2019, and each  
16 school year thereafter, a local or regional board of education may (1)  
17 develop and adopt its own school calendar, which may include the

18 commencement of regular school sessions for the school year on any  
19 day before or after the first Monday in September, or (2) adopt the  
20 uniform regional school calendar developed and approved pursuant to  
21 subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-16l
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-66q(b)

**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*